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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, and 10 are amended and claim 14 is cancelled, as indicated above

Claim Objections

The Office action objects to claim 8. In response, claim 8 is amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 8 is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claim 14

Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Office action rejects claims 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In response claim 14 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of claims 14 is respectfully requested.

Rejections of Claims 1-9

Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,479,937). Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of claims 1-16.

Independent claims 1 and 10 are amended to recite limitations of eccentric green beam apertures. Such limitations are fully supported in the specification and no new matter is added.

Eccentric green beam apertures are not suggested in Chen. In fact, Chen specifically teaches aligned apertures, reference column 4, lines 31-39. Thus, given Chen, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to use eccentric green apertures.

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Finally, the recited apertures represent structural distinctions over Chen. As such structural distinctions are in line with the Examiner's suggestion to present structural features that support a kinked green electron beam; the amended claims should be entered and allowed.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

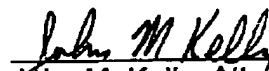
Thus, the Applicants submit that all the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly requested.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone call would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Eric Bram at (914) 333-9635. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the address of record (not to the signing attorney).

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or if any additional fees are required, kindly charge that fee to deposit account number 20-0782.

Respectfully submitted,

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